

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

Met according to adjournment, at a half past six o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of  
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

## *Resolutions.*

Tewksbury,—  
High School  
football team.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Miceli of Wilmington) commemorating the 2013 Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 3 championship of the Tewksbury High School boy's football team, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Holmes of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

## *Paper from the Senate.*

Election  
laws.

The House Bill relative to election laws (House, No. 3788), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 1981; and inserting before the enacting clause an emergency preamble) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Committee of  
conference.

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Finegold, DiDomenico and Hedlund had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

## *Reports of Committees.*

Needham,—  
liquor  
licenses.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Needham to grant certain establishments licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premise (House, No. 3829) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—  
liquor  
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert 1 seasonal license to an annual license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3831, changed in section 1, in line 12, by inserting after the word "revenue" the following "and a letter from the division of unemployment assistance", and in line 15 by inserting after the word "use" the following "at the location of original issuance" [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, they were placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the following bills ought to pass:

Authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements over certain parcels of land to the town of Amherst (Senate, No. 1531, amended); and

Amherst,—  
land.

Establishing the childhood vaccine program (Senate, No. 1971).

Vaccination.

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, they were placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to transfer the employees of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to the state employee's retirement system (House, No. 2374), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 3872).

Franklin  
Regional  
Council of  
Governments.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to natural gas leaks (House, No. 3765), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 3873).

Natural  
gas  
leaks.

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendments pending.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule they were placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

To encourage the study of meterology [sic] in elementary schools (House, No. 2864) [Local Approval Received];

Official  
groundhog.

Relating to the issuance of temporary notes by city, towns and districts (House, No. 3773);

Municipalities,—  
notes.

Relative to Quincy College (House, No. 3814) [Local Approval Received];

Quincy College.

Authorizing the late filing of a tax abatement application for the Amherst Committee for a Better Chance, Inc. (House, No. 3817) [Local Approval Received]; and

Amherst,—  
better chance,  
Inc.

Creating a board of water and sewer commissioners in the city of Newburyport (House, No. 3823) [Local Approval Received];

Newburyport,—  
water and  
sewer.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

*Emergency Measure.*

Maria A.  
DeCosta,—  
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria A. DeCosta, an employee of the Office of Medicaid (see Senate, No. 1983), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 25 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Engrossed Bill.*

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3471, changed and amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Joint Session  
of the two  
branches.

Pursuant to assignment, at fourteen minutes before seven o'clock P.M., the two branches met in

## JOINT SESSION

in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of receiving such communication as His Excellency Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth, may be pleased to make relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth; and were called to order by the Honorable Therese Murray, President of the Senate.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Brownsberger,—

Notification of  
Constitutional  
officers, et al.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and House of Representatives to wait upon the Constitutional officers, members of the Executive Council and other distinguished guests of the Governor and inform them that the two branches are now in Convention and request the honor of their presence.

Senators Keenan, Lovely, Downing and Tarr were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives Ferrante of Gloucester, Linsky of Natick, Khan of Newton, Mannal of Barnstable, Peterson of Grafton, deMacedo of Plymouth, Moran of Lawrence and O'Flaherty of Chelsea, were appointed on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Mr. Keenan, for the committee, reported that the Constitutional officers, the Executive Council and distinguished guests would immediately attend upon the convention.

Shortly thereafter, the Constitutional officers, members of the Executive Council, members of the Supreme Judicial Court, Major General L. Scott Rice, Adjutant General of the Commonwealth, and distinguished guests entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Invocation.*

The President then introduced Father Barry Langley of Saint Anthony Shrine and Ministry Center, who gave the following Invocation. Invocation.

Good and gracious God.

St. Francis of Assisi called You “The Great Almsgiver.”

Hear us, tonight, Your humble beggars in the spirit.

We ask You to bless all of us gathered here tonight.

We beg You to bless Governor Patrick, Senate President Murray, Speaker DeLeo and all your public servants and all of us who seek to do Your will here and throughout this great Commonwealth.

We beg that You give us eyes to see the needs of our sisters and brothers.

We beg that You give us ears to hear the spoken and unspoken cries of those who suffer.

We beg that You give us hearts that are broken open, to let Your love and healing, flow from us to them.

We beg that You give us minds that are flexible enough to be expanded by Your inspiration.

We beg that You help us to work together as partners — to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and grieve with those who have no one else to grieve with or for them.

We beg that You help us to forge new partnerships among those in the nonprofit sector, those in private enterprise and those in our public institutions to make sure that every member of our community tangibly knows of the goodness of You and Your will for all of us in this Commonwealth.

We beg that You continue to nudge us onward in our journey, our pilgrimage to find You, to see You and to embrace You in every person we meet since we are all created in Your beautiful image and likeness.

We beg You, O Great Almsgiver. Hear us.

And, help us hear and listen to You. Amen.

*Order Adopted.*

The President in the Chair, on motion of Mr. Richard T. Moore,—

*Ordered,* That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches are now in Convention for the purpose of receiving such communication as he may be pleased to make to them, relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Notification of  
the Governor.

Senators Spilka, Forry, Donoghue and Ross were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives McMurtry of Dedham, Holmes of Boston, Peisch of Wellesley, Balser of Newton, Rushing of Boston, Orral of Lakeville, Mirra of Newbury, Pignatelli of Lenox, Cabral of New Bedford, D’Emilia of Bridgewater, Sciortino of Medford, Andrews of Orange, Fiola of Fall River, Wong of Saugus and Silvia of Fall River, were appointed on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Ms. Spilka, for the committee, reported that His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, would immediately attend upon the convention.

*Pledge of Allegiance.*

Pledge of  
allegiance.

The President then introduced Nikhil Chopra, from Andover High School, Vice-Chair of the Governor's Statewide Youth Council. Mr. Chopra then introduced MBTA Police Officer Richard Donahue who led the Convention in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

National  
Anthem.

The President in the Chair, then introduced Louisa Carmen, a student at Harvard University and an alumna of the Governor's Statewide Youth Council, who then introduced Private First Class Blair Lynn Leavitt, who sang the National Anthem.

State of the  
Commonwealth  
address.

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The President then introduced His Excellency the Governor, Deval Patrick, who thereupon addressed the Convention relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2).

*Benediction.*

Benediction.

The President in the Chair, she then introduced Reverend Brent Damrow of the First Congregational Church of Stockbridge, who gave the following Benediction:

People of the Commonwealth, will you pray with me,  
God of all we are and all we might yet to be;  
God of our parent's parents and our children's children;  
God of rich and poor, foolish and wise, gay and straight, powerful  
and powerless;

You O God, who defy all boundaries of identity and race;  
You who we meet in Mosque, Temple, Church and all manner of  
holy place;

We gather here in this space in profound gratitude.

We give thanks for this Commonwealth; and for the beauty and  
diversity of her people.

We give You thanks for the blessings of bounty, the calling to live  
in covenant and the demands of discipleship.

We give You thanks for all the leaders gathered here; and for those  
all across this land who offer themselves to make Massachusetts a  
place of justice and joy, of abundance and hope.

On this night we thank You God for Your son, Deval; a man who  
has answered the call to serve as our Governor with courage, compas-  
sion and conviction; Bless him that he might yet lead us to even greater  
heights.

God we ask You to send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds;  
Inspire our old ones to see visions and our young ones to dream  
dreams.

Make tonight more than about words...

Give us humility to truly listen to one another;

Give us compassion that we might strive not to our own benefit but  
toward the Commonwealth;

Give us strength that we might run and not grow weary, walk and  
not faint;

Give us courage to transcend lines of party of theology, to break  
barriers down that we might build ideas up, build people up, build this  
Commonwealth up.

At the close of this evening; send us forth from this great room to love and serve; send us forth to kindle the spark You have placed in every child of Your creation;

Grant us eyes to see the inherent dignity and beauty of all people;

Give us ears to listen for their stories and their dreams;

Give us hands to serve them; to nourish and stoke their gifts until their spark burns so brightly we barely dare look;

God help us to stand on the shoulders of our forebears in the work to make this Commonwealth a beacon; a beacon to the whole world of justice, equality, camaraderie and possibility.

Sisters and brothers, the one I follow, the one I know as Jesus said this; that we ought to always pray and never faint. And so I say to you, do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger women and men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your power but for power equal to your tasks;

Then the doing of your work will be no miracle, you will be that miracle and every day you will wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.

So go now in the blessing of peace to bring hope and love and joy, and if you are ready to join me in this prayer, will you say Amen?

The President in the Chair, His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, the Constitutional officers, the members of the Executive Council, members of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Adjutant General then withdrew from the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. DiDomenico, at eight minutes past eight o'clock P.M., the Convention of the Two Branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At eleven minutes after eight o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.